GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:149
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PAYMENT TO CGHS MEDICAL STORES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CGHS beneficiaries have of late been experiencing difficulties in getting medicines from the authorised medical stores as such stores are not being paid the dues in time by the Government;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

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(a)&(b): The CGHS procures its medicines from the Medical Stores Organisation (MSO)The medicines not supplied by the MSO and not available in the dispensaries are procured from the authorised local chemist on individual prescription by the concerned dispensary. These medicines are scrutinised by the concerned authority in the dispensary before distributing to the beneficiary.

During emergency, in order to avoid any difficulty, the CGHS beneficiaries are allowed to purchase medicines directly from the authorised/registered chemists` shops. Every Administrative Department where the card holder is serving and in case of pensioners, the Head of the concerned CGHS city, is authorised to decide the quantum of reimbursement for medicines procured in such situations and reimburse the expenditure.

(c) One of the steps taken by the Government is the release of the comprehensive, exhaustive new list of drugs for the CGHS on 14.2.2002 which was prepared by team of experts from different fields of medicines. The indents from various CGHS cities have been consolidated and placed for supply to the MSO.